What is claimed is:

1. A method for marking containers, comprising the steps of:

providing an at least partly assembled container having container walls at plural sides of the container in a substantially finished state, the container walls including at least one external panel of a predetermined thickness of sheet metal, the external panel having an area that is accessible from an opening into the container;

providing a die set comprising at least partly complementary protrusions and depressions on respectively opposite members of the die set;

placing the members of the die set on opposite sides of the external wall panel at said accessible area;

applying inward pressure between the opposite members sufficient to emboss a visible image of the members of the die set on the external wall panel.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the members of the die set have complementary positive and negative forms of at least one shape to be formed into one of a raised design and a bas-relief.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the members of the die set form indicia representing one of a name and a symbol associated with one of a manufacturer, supplier, establishment, owner and service provider.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the inward pressure is applied using a hydraulic press having relatively movable parts each carrying one of the members of the die set.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the relatively movable parts are carried on a clamping fixture, and wherein said placing step includes reaching the clamping fixture over the opening to locate the members of the die set over the accessible area on said opposite sides.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the inward pressure is applied using a portable hydraulic press on a movable carrier, and further comprising

manipulating a position of the portable hydraulic press to place the members of the die set before applying the inward pressure.

7. A press for marking heavy gauge containers having at least one external panel of a predetermined thickness of sheet metal, accessible from an opening into the container, the apparatus comprising:

a clamping apparatus having opposite members and a forcible drive operable relatively to move the opposite members;

a die set coupled to the clamping apparatus, the die set having at least two opposite dies containing complementary protrusions and depressions representing an indicia to be embossed on the container, the dies being movable to bear toward one another by operation of the forcible drive;

wherein the forcible drive comprises a hydraulic press mounted on a frame having a throat that spaces the dies sufficiently that the clamping apparatus can be clamped over an edge of the opening of the container for applied in the dies set on opposite sides of the sheet metal at a position adjacent to the opening members of the die set on the external wall panel.

8. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the members of the die set have complementary positive and negative forms of at least one shape to be formed into one of a raised design and a bas-relief representing one of a name and a symbol associated with one of a manufacturer, supplier, establishment, owner and service provider.

9. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the clamping apparatus is sized for placement over a wall of a refuse container wherein the opening is reinforced by a channel frame, and wherein the hydraulic press is powered sufficiently to deform sheet steel of between twelve gauge and seven gauge thickness to a displacement of one-eighth inch from a plane on both sides of a wall of the container.

10. The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising a positioning support for the hydraulic press, comprising at least one of a mobile base, a movable carriage and a boom, wherein the press is movable on the positioning support for placing the clamping apparatus over the wall.

11. A container having container walls at plural sides of the container including at least one external panel of a predetermined thickness of sheet metal, wherein the external panel has an area that is accessible from an opening into the container, comprising:

an embossment made by the process of providing a die set comprising at least partly complementary protrusions and depressions on respectively opposite members of the die set; placing the members of the die set on opposite sides of the external wall panel at said accessible area; and, applying inward pressure between the opposite members sufficient to emboss a visible image of the members of the die set on the external wall panel.

12. The container made by the process according to claim 11, wherein the members of the die set are carried on a movably mounted clamping fixture, and further comprising bringing the clamping fixture into a position adjacent to an edge of an opening into the container.

13. The container made by the process of claim 12, further comprising grasping the clamping fixture over the edge of the opening and applying pressure using a hydraulic press.